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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1763"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

TOSHIFUMI NAGAIWA, ET AL. :

EXAMINER: 1763

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FOR: WORKTABLE DEVICE AND  
PLASMA PROCESSING  
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SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESS :

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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SIR:

This is an amendment responsive to the Office Action dated October 8, 2002, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 7, 15, 16 and 22-24 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A worktable device for a semiconductor process, comprising:
- a worktable having a main surface for supporting a target substrate and a sub-surface disposed around said main surface;
  - a cooling mechanism disposed in said worktable and configured to supply cold to the main surface and the sub-surface;
  - a focus ring placed on the sub-surface and configured to surround the target substrate on the main surface, said focus ring consisting essentially of a conductive material;